(b) whether Government are planning to allow seamless roaming for CDMA phones;

(c) whether Government had earlier exempted GSM service providers from obligation to mandatorily provide service in the rural areas; and

(d) the additional financial burden added to BSNL, MTNL and private sector basic operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) TRAI has provided flexibility to the operators for call charges to be recovered from the subscribers of limited mobile facility of basic services. Further, the basic service operators can offer alternate tariff packages including the amount for monthly rental, to the subscribers.

(b) No such proposal in under consideration at present.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The exchange of telephone traffic between the basic service operators and cellular mobile service operators depend upon the tariff for various services offered by the respective operator and, therefore, it is not possible to forecast the financial implications.

Mail sorting offices in Andhra Pradesh

2349. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the mail sorting offices functioning in Andhra Pradesh as on date; and

(b) what steps Government have taken for modernization of these mail sorting Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) There are thirty five mail sorting offices functioning in Andhra Pradesh as on date.

(b) Fourteen mail offices have so far been modernized to improve the ergonomics and ambience. Further, eight Registration Sorting Centres functioning in the mail offices have been computerised.

Roaming facility on limited mobility circuits

2350. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether roaming facility on limited mobility circuits is barred under TRAIs directives;

(b) if so, whether some private operators have offered roaming facility on their limited mobility circuits in contravention to TRAI regulations;

(c) if so, whether TRAI has initiated any *suo motu* proceedings against the private operators offering such roaming facility from their limited mobility circuits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) TRAI has not issued any directive on the subject, so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Limited mobility

2351. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether cellular operators have complained against limited mobility for offering services coutside the local calling area;

(b) whether the cell companies have moved to the Telecom Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal for redressal of their grievances;

(c) whether the cell companies have also sought the tribunals' directives to debar WLL operators from breaching the SDCA limits; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?